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SUBJ: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. DURING THE PAST WEEK, ALL MAJOR JAKARTA DAILIES COMMENTED CRITICALLY ON TREATMENT OF THE EAST TIMOR ISSUE AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO AS WELL AS ON THE FAILURE OF THE CONFERENCE TO DEAL SUBSTANTIVELY WITH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. COMMENT ON THE KOREAN DMZ INCIDENT WAS LARGELY RAMBLING AND NON-COMMITTAL CONSISTING OF TONGUE-CLUCKING AND QUESTIONS AS TO WHAT THIS MIGHT LEAD TO. ON DOMESTIC ISSUES, THE PRESS CONTINUED TO CRITICIZE GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND NOTE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL FAILURES.

2. IN A TIGHTLY SCHEDULED, SHORT VISIT TO JAKARTA, AMBASSADOR FRANCIS DALE, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N. AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA, ON AUGUST 25 AND 26 MET WITH ECONOMIC EDITORS AND DELIVERED ADDRESSES TO THE BANK OF INDONESIA, THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND

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FAIRS. IN HIS PRESENTATIONS, AMBASSADOR DALE GAVE A CLEAR, FRANK AND EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE VIEW OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT UNCTAD IV, THE U.S. POSITION ON THE ISSUES AT THE CONFERENCE, AND, ESPECIALLY, A COMPLETE, THOROUGH AND ENLIGHTENING EXPLANATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES BANK PROPOSAL. LIVELY, INTELLIGENT AND CONTROVERSIAL DISCUSSION PERIODS FOLLOWED ALL PRESENTATIONS. IN POST'S VIEW, AMBASSADOR DALE PROVED TO BE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE, PERSONABLE, FORTHRIGHT AND AUTHORITATIVE SPEAKERS PROGRAMMED TO DATE. THIS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM WAS IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE POST'S PROJECT ID 03.

3. DANIEL PAGET, RAGTIME PIANIST, COMPLETED HIS INDONESIAN TOUR BY PLAYING HIS "SAMPLER" TO A FULL HOUSE AT THE BNC MEDAN, PLUS A 15-MINUTE LIVE TV BROADCAST THE FOLLOWING EVENING. ACCORDING TO USIS MEDAN, PAGET'S PERFORMANCE "REPRESENTED THE HIGH-WATER MARK IN THE POST'S EFFORTS TO ATTRACT HIGH QUALITY INDONESIAN, RATHER THAN EXPATRIATE, AUDIENCES" AT THE BNC. AMONG ENTHUSIASTIC LISTENERS WERE PERTAMINA OFFICIALS, UNIVERSITY FACULTY AND STUDENTS, AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SUMATRA'S LARGEST PLANTATION COMPLEX. USIS MEDAN FURTHER REPORTED THAT CALLS FOR AN ENCORE AT THE END OF PAGET'S PROGRAM WERE THE FIRST HEARD AT THE BNC IN A NUMBER OF YEARS.

4. PERFORMING AT SURABAYA'S BNC, THE RIVERRUN BAND, ORGANIZED BY USIS'S ASSISTANT PROGRAM OFFICER, PLAYED AMERICAN FOLK SONGS TO AN AUDIENCE OF OVER 400 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS. ON THE FOLLOWING NIGHT THE BAND PRESENTED AN INFORMAL PROGRAM AT THE BPAO'S RESIDENCE FOR 30 CULTURAL LEADERS, WHO WERE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN IN SINGING INDONESIAN FOLKSONGS.

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